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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Advisory Action, the Applicant herein is filing a RCE application, together with this Preliminary Amendment. A request for a three month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith, together with the applicable fee, thereby extending the period for a response to the Advisory Action until June 20, 2003.

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 27-37:

27. (New) A tool for aiding the removal of a fastening member from a structure to which it is attached by means of a threaded connection, the tool comprising: an elongate body member (30) having first and second ends, the first

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